SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-3 RELATING TO A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, world leaders from 175 countries, including the United States, recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in Connecticut the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) has been formed to assess the risk posed by climate change to the state and to identify ways to mitigate this risk, and Public Act 18-182 established targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) recently was addressed by Dr. Roger Kuhns, the Connecticut State Coordinator for the Citizen's Climate Lobby, who presented to the SCCOG ample evidence and documentation of the growing impacts of climate change on our state and why scientists, economists, policy makers and members of the general public view this to be such a critical issue at this time; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments hereby declares there to be a climate change emergency, which threatens the resilience of SCCOG member municipalities and in fact that of the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution provides the foundation for continuing and meaningful climate change actions upon which the SCCOG will promote and advocate for in an effort to assist its 22 municipal members in addressing this climate emergency, including its support for federal, state, and local policies that will protect the natural environment while resulting in a safer and healthier climate.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the voting members of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments on May 19, 2021.

Date: May 24, 2021

Danielle Chesebrough, Secretary

Member Municipalities:

Bozrah * Colchester * East Lyme * Franklin * Griswold * Borough of Jewett City * City of Groton * Town of Groton * Lebanon * Ledyard * Lisbon * Montville * New London * North Stonington * Norwich * Preston * Salem * Sprague * Stonington * Stonington Borough * Waterford * Windham